

EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CLEANING ANTIMICROBIAL COATED STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS

Quick & easy tips for keeping the finish looking great

Retaining a great finish on antimicrobial coated stainless steel surfaces is just a matter of a few simple steps. And don't use any expensive cleaning agents or special equipment – ordinary household cleaners are usually all that's required. You just need to bear in mind a few easy DOs and DON'Ts ...

KEEPING STAINLESS STEEL CLEAN

- *Antimicrobial coated Stainless steel looks best if it's cleaned regularly with a damp cloth.
- *Drying afterwards makes sure streaky marks aren't left behind.
- *Routine cleaning prevents any stubborn stains building up.

WHAT TO USE:-

For day to day cleaning, water, some mild detergent and a cloth will do the job.

<u>Do not use bleach</u> – it's just too easy to make the solution too strong making it difficult to properly rinse it off the surface afterwards.

After cleaning, wipe the surface dry with a soft absorbent cloth.

AVOID SCRATCHES!

Remember, stainless steel can be scratched by careless handling or aggressive scrubbing. Avoid dragging rough items across the surface and be aware that grit, trapped under other materials, can actually cause surface scratches.

CHEMICAL RE-ACTION

If left in contact with salts or acids for extended periods, the antimicrobial coating may be compromised.

Do not leave carbon steel items in contact with stainless steel, particularly if wet.

Applying regular hygiene measures, like a maintenance/cleaning schedule, will minimise any potential problems.

HANDLING TOUGH MARKS & STAINS

Here's how to get rid of the most common tough marks on stainless steel:

Fingerprints, oil & grease marks

Use a mild detergent or dishwashing detergent to shift unsightly grease or $\mbox{\rm dirt}.$

Thoroughly rinse with clean water and dry.

Longer protection to high volume usage items can be achieved by drying after cleaning using a soft cloth.

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CEMENT & MORTAR

Cement and mortar splashes should be washed off before they set, by using a damp cloth. **Never** use brick cleaning liquids which contain hydrochloric acid or chloride rich chemicals Be very careful that loosened particles don't scratch the steel surface.

NEVER EVER use

- *steel wool (wire wool) to clean stainless steel. It is usually made of carbon steel and any fragments left behind will rust onto the stainless steel surface.
- *scourer is also a **NEVER DO**, for the same reason.
- * Stainless steel wool scouring pads, these will scratch the antimicrobial coated stainless steel surface.

TOTALLY AVOID

- * Rubbing with steel wool (wire wool) or scraping with steel tools
- * Using scourers and cleaning cloths that have been used on ordinary steel
- * Rubbing plastic scourers across the grain of brushed surfaces
- * Using concentrated bleach or hydrochloric acid-based cleaning
- * Contact with product containing chlorine bleach, hydrochloric or muriatic acid

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